कदाचारों में संलिप्त होने की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं। शिकायतों की जांच की गई थी तथा जहां कहीं आरोप सिद्ध हुए थे। नियमों के अनुसार भारिकों के लाइसेंस निलम्बित कर दिए गए थे।

इलाहाबाद में रेल यात्री निवास का निर्माण

7205. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इलाहाबाद में रेल यात्री निवास जिसका शिलान्यास पहले से ही किया जा चुका है, के निर्माण की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है; और

(ख) इस परियोजना पर कुल कितनी लागत आएगी?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) स्टेशन पर विश्राम कक्षों और बाहर सस्ते आवास की उपलब्धता को देखते हुए कार्य छोड़ दिया गया है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rail traffic in Western Railway Divisions

7206. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the passenger and freight traffic at Ahmedabad and other Western Railway Divisions, per day?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Completion of Lonjigarh-Junagarh Rail line

7207. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Lonjigarh-Junagarh line in Orissa;

(b) the target date fixed for completion of that line;

(c) the progress made in the construction of that line, so far; and

(d) the details of steps taken to expedite construction of that line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Rs. 100 crs.

(b) during IXth plan.

(c) and (d) Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up after completing Final Location Survey. Work on minor bridges and miscellaneous works in Bhavanipatna Yard has also been taken where land was made available by State Govt. Further construction work will be taken up once land becomes available.

Construction of rail over-bridge near Rajkumar Mill, Indore

7208. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a railay over-bridge near Rajkumar Mill in Indore in Madhya Pradesh has since been sanctioned; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons for not taking up construction of the over-bridge so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF). (a) and (b) Construction of a Road over bridge in replacement of level crossing No. 246 near Rajkumar Mills, Indore was included in 1987-88 Works Programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 702.70 lakhs (Railway's share is Rs. 150.27 lakhs and State Government's share is Rs. 552.43 lakhs).

The Railway constructs the bridge proper across the tracks. The State Government constructs the approaches. Railway programmes the construction of bridge across the tracks so as to complete it before or alongwith the completion of work on approaches. State Govt. has not yet commenced work on approaches, which was held up for a long time due to land acquisition problem.

हिमसागर एक्सप्रैस की धीमी गति

7209. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कन्याकुमारी और जम्मू के बीच कुल कितनी दूरी है और हिमसागर एक्सप्रैस रेलगाड़ी इस दूरी को तय करने में कितने घंटों का समय लेती है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस गाड़ी की गति अन्य सुपरफास्ट गाड़ियों की तुलना में धीमी है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इस रेलगाड़ी की गति को बढ़ाने के लिए कोई प्रयास किए गए हैं; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इन्हें कब तक क्रियान्वित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी॰के॰ जाफ़र शरीफ़): (क) 6017/6018 कन्याकुमारी-जम्मू तवी हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस द्वारा तय की जाने वाली दूरी 3751 कि॰मी॰ है और एक दिशा में 74 घंटे 5 मिनट और दूसरी दिशा में 74 घंटे 15 मिनट का समय लेती है।

(ख) 6017/6018 हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस सुपरफास्ट गाड़ी नहीं है। इस गाड़ी की औसत गति 50.5 कि॰मी॰ प्रति घंटा है।

(ग) पथ, टर्मिनल और अन्य परिचालनिक कारणों से हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस की गति को बढ़ाना फिलहाल व्यावहारिक नहीं है

Lack of basic facilities in Railway Officers' Rest House, Dibrugarh

7210. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the present Railway Officers' Rest House at Dibrugarh has been lying in completely dilapidated state and lacking in basic facilities like drinking water, geysers, catering etc. for the last several years, resulting in Railway Officers visiting Dibrugarh avoiding it and staying in retiring rooms;

(b) whether the said rest house is mainly occupied by junior railway officers/staff on regular posting to Dibrugarh, doing self-cooking with kerosene stoves inside the rooms, which is gravely hazardous from safety angles;

(c) whether concerned Inspector of Works/ Assistant Engineer Incharge of the said rest house has been totally indifferent towards its maintenance and in ensuring the availability of its chowkidar/caretaker, who remain mostly absent;

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above in the affirmative, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to renovate/remodel the said rest house and provide necessary amentities therein; if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. Geysers are not provided but other facilities like drinking water etc. are available.

(b) No, Sir. However, some newly posted officers do stay in the rest house for short durations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As the rest house is in satisfactory conditions and has been provided with suitable facilities, there is no plan for renovation of Officers' Rest House at present.

Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee of N.F. Railway

7211. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of N.F. Railway was reconstituted on the 1st October, 1994, with retrospective effect although nominations to it were processed much later, in December/January last;

(b) whether formation of the said ZRUCC is not complete, as several nominations to it are yet to be received by N.F. Railway; if so, the details of such cases;

(c) whether no meeting of the said ZRUCC has been held so far, although more than 7 months of its 2 years' tenure have alreay lapsed whereas it is mandatory to hold 3 meetings every year, and thus the said ZRUCC has remained non functional so far; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above in the affirmative, whether Government propose to revise its tenure to be effective from a current date, to give it a practical shape and ensure holding of mandatory 3 meetings by it every year; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees/N.F. Railway has been constituted w.e.f. 1.10.1994. The proposal sent by General Manager/N.F. Railway suggesting nomination of persons in various categories was approved and communicated to N.F. Railway on 3.10.94.